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**Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

**[0001]**      In a telephone discussion (on July 31, 2008), Examiner Osman and I discussed 35 U.S.C. § 101 issues, distinction between claims and cited references, and proposed claim amendments highlighting several differences. I understood Examiner Osman to tentatively concur with the proposed claim amendments.

**[0002]** This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.